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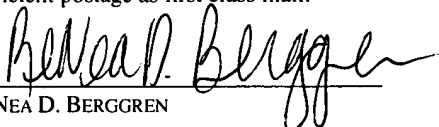
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ARRAY CONTROLLER MODULE IN A STORAGE ARRAY
NETWORK

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 10, 2006

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DATED: October 17, 2006

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2006, for which the three month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 6, 2006. While it is believed that no extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.